



601 6th Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50309

Tel: 866.481.2220

By Federal Express and SERFF

October 24, 2011

The Honorable Wayne Goodwin, Commissioner
North Carolina Department of Insurance
430 N. Salisbury Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27603-5926

Re: American Republic Insurance Company, NAIC #60836 / World Insurance Company, NAIC #70629
Notice Pursuant to North Carolina Insurance Code Section 58-68-65(c)(2)

Dear Commissioner Goodwin:

As you may be aware, American Republic Insurance Company (“American Republic”) and World Insurance Company (“World”), subsidiaries of American Enterprise Group, Inc. (“American Enterprise”) are withdrawing from all individually underwritten comprehensive major medical insurance markets. Like all companies, we continually monitor our business strategy to ensure a competitive presence in the rapidly changing insurance market. With the changes in the major medical insurance marketplace and the resulting uncertainty brought on by the regulatory environment, we determined we are no longer able to provide the kind of major medical insurance protection our customers have come to expect. During a recent review of American Republic’s and World’s overall businesses, the difficult decision was made to exit the individually underwritten comprehensive major medical insurance business in all of American Republic’s and World’s existing markets. Pursuant to North Carolina Insurance Code Section 58-68-65(c)(2), please accept this letter as formal notice of American Republic’s and World’s decision to discontinue and non-renew all individually underwritten comprehensive major medical benefit plans and withdraw from the individually underwritten comprehensive major medical insurance business in the State of North Carolina. Notice is also being sent to the Commissioners and/or Directors in states where insureds under a North Carolina policy might reside.

Guaranteed Replacement Offer

In connection with the decision to withdraw from the individually underwritten comprehensive major medical insurance business, we have entered into a business transition agreement with Celtic Insurance Company (“Celtic”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Centene Corporation, a multi-billion dollar health services organization.

Pursuant to the agreement, Celtic will offer a replacement insurance policy on a guaranteed issue basis to each individually underwritten comprehensive major medical insurance policyholder and insured of American Republic and World that resides in the State of North Carolina. Policyholders age 64.5 years and older, will not receive a guaranteed replacement offer, as their age exceeds Celtic’s attained age issuing requirements for major medical coverage. However, we will be ready to assist eligible Policyholders with finding Medicare Supplemental options, as appropriate.

Policyholders who accept the Celtic offer will enjoy continuous healthcare coverage without any break, and without underwriting or evidence of insurability required. The Celtic offer will be made regardless of health status, and no new pre-existing exclusions will be applied to policyholders who accept the offer.

To the extent possible, Celtic benefits will be similar to the American Republic or World benefits, and Celtic policies will include the same or similar waivers, rate ups and endorsements included in such policyholders' existing American Republic or World policies. In all cases, the transition will be completely at the option of the policyholder. The policyholder may choose either the Celtic policy, elect to remain with American Republic or World, as applicable (until nonrenewal or termination as permitted by the policy and applicable law) or seek coverage with another carrier. By partnering with Celtic, we hope to ensure a smooth transition for our customers in your state.

180 Days' Advance Notice

180 days' written notice will be provided of American Republic's and World's intent to discontinue and non-renew coverage to individually underwritten comprehensive major medical insurance policyholders by letter on or before November 28, 2011. Pursuant to applicable law, each of American Republic and World will renew, upon request of the applicable policyholder, any of their respective individually underwritten comprehensive major medical insurance plans with a policy anniversary date during the 180-day period following such notice for a period ending on the last day of such 180-day period. For individually underwritten comprehensive major medical insurance plans without a policy anniversary date during such 180-day period, coverage will be non-renewed as of the next monthly renewal date after the last day of such 180-day period. The companies will also cease new sales of all individually underwritten comprehensive major medical insurance plans following October 20, 2011, but will honor any outstanding quotes issued prior to such date and disclose that such new policies will be subject to this cancellation notice.

The written notice to policyholders will also provide American Republic's and World's individually underwritten comprehensive major medical insurance policyholders with information about obtaining guaranteed replacement coverage with Celtic to begin on January 1, 2012. Attached as Exhibits A-1 (American Republic) and A-2 (World) are drafts of the written notice that will be mailed to individually underwritten comprehensive major medical insurance policyholders of American Republic and World, respectively.

Our records indicate that American Republic's withdrawal from the individually underwritten comprehensive major medical insurance market in North Carolina will affect approximately 1,211 covered lives based on enrollment as of October 14, 2011. American Republic acknowledges that, pursuant to applicable law, it may not issue any coverage in individually underwritten comprehensive major medical insurance markets of North Carolina during the five-year period beginning on the date the last individually underwritten comprehensive major medical insurance coverage is non-renewed.

Our records indicate that World's withdrawal from the individually underwritten comprehensive major medical insurance market in North Carolina will affect approximately 1,195 covered lives based on enrollment as of October 14, 2011. World acknowledges that, pursuant to North Carolina law, it may not issue any coverage in individually underwritten comprehensive major medical insurance markets of North Carolina during the five-year period beginning on the date the last individually underwritten comprehensive major medical insurance coverage is non-renewed.



Every American Republic and World policyholder will have at least 180 days' notice of the nonrenewal or discontinuance of his or her policy. The companies will continue to service all affected North Carolina covered individuals through the withdrawal and during any required runoff period. During the withdrawal and runoff period, the companies will continue to process claims and respond to customer service inquiries in the ordinary course of business. The companies will maintain appropriate staff levels to insure a continuation of the same level of service that it has provided in the past. This letter and the exhibits attached hereto include non-public proprietary information including trade secrets which, if disclosed, could cause severe competitive injury to American Enterprise, American Republic and World. Accordingly, we hereby request confidential treatment be afforded to the documents and information referenced in or attached to this letter to the fullest extent possible pursuant to applicable law.

Please be advised that this decision is strictly limited to our individually underwritten comprehensive major medical insurance. It does not in any way impact the continued offering of the company's other group and individual products and services, including but not limited to:

- Dental Policies
- Short-term Medical Policies
- Hospital Confinement Limited Benefit Policies
- Short-term Convalescent Care Policies
- Medicare Supplement Policies
- Supplemental Medical Policies
- Hospital/Surgical/Medical Expense Limited Benefit Policies
- Hospital Indemnity Policies
- Long-term Care Policies
- Nursing Home Policies
- Specified Disease - Limited Benefit Policies
- Other Limited Benefit Policies

We thank you for your cooperation in working with American Republic and World through this transition. We will, of course, be happy to work closely with your Department in anticipation of, and response to, questions you may receive from customers of American Republic or World. If you or your staff have any questions or would like any additional information regarding our exit from the individually underwritten comprehensive major medical insurance market in North Carolina, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Shives at our toll-free number, 1-800-247-2190, ext 2083, or by email at Sarah.Shives@americanenterprise.com.

Sincerely,

Michelle M Casper Barker

Michelle M. Casper Barker
Vice President and General Counsel



EXHIBIT A-1
AMERICAN REPUBLIC NOTICE OF DISCONTINUATION OF COVERAGE

See attached for a sample notice.



EXHIBIT A-2
WORLD NOTICE OF DISCONTINUATION OF COVERAGE

See attached for a sample notice.